

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass .

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appt.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class and to schedule Baptism.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

## **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

Welcome to all new parishioners, please register in the church office.  
If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic contact the office to talk to Father and learn about the RCIA classes.



## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

**The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center**

**700 Buffalo Street, Farmville, VA.**

**Office Hours**

**Tuesday—Thursday**

**9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.**

**Friday Closed**

**Nativity Catholic Cemetery**  
15896 James Anderson Hwy W  
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**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

903 S Main Street  
Blackstone, VA 23824

Mass:

Saturday—5:00p.m.

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council:**

David McKenna, (Chair), Esther Sablan

Dr. Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz,

Eduardo Perez

**Sacred Heart**

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:**

Tammy Hinchey (Chair, Parish Council), Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Mary McKay  
(Chair, Finance Council)

**St. Theresa**

709 Buffalo Street  
Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

**St. Theresa Parish Council**

**Email: [sttheresascc@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresascc@gmail.com)**

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Adam Blincoe,

Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz, Michelle Varga, Lynn

Skakum, Pat Brandt, Mike Biase, Gene Donovan

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, gathered in worship in the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of churches are a diverse community of Catholics striving to live the message of the Gospel by evangelizing Christ's Word through our worship, prayer, and outreach work, to the community.

#### Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/  
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

#### February 18, 2024

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone**

**Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification Resubmit if needed:**  
 Tom Neal, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, John & Ellen Thompson, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Sharon Watson, Rita Flowers, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Paul Semtner, Naleen Cordle, Rose Grattan, Richard Whitmore

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,409.25	\$40,038.67	\$38,266.76	\$1,771.91

**IHM Finance Council**

Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Juan Ramirez

**Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin**

**Prayer List - Reminder:** List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office. Chrissy Dix, Wanda Bailey, Helen Truskoski, Sean Presley, Halle Jackson, Lesleigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer, George Thack, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Feb. 25**

Reader—Karen Halay

EM—Pat Irvine

Altar—Nancy Fothergill

Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Dan Derflinger

m/Counters—Scott Crawford/Beth Gregory

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,353.00	\$24,682.90	\$24,214.12	\$468.78

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

**On the second Sunday of each month there will be a second collection to help offset the expenses of our St Patrick's Day dinner and the annual stew.**

**‘CLUSTER NEWS’**

**Farmville Area Ministerial  
Association  
Lenten Services**

**12:00 Services & 12:30 Lunches**

2/21 Farmville Presbyterian Church

2/28 St. John's Lutheran  
Church

3/06 St. Theresa's Catholic Church

3/13 Heritage Baptist Church

3/20 Jericho Baptist Church

3/27 Farmville United Methodist  
Church3/29 Farmville Baptist Church (**Good  
Friday Service**)

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the Words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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**A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity**

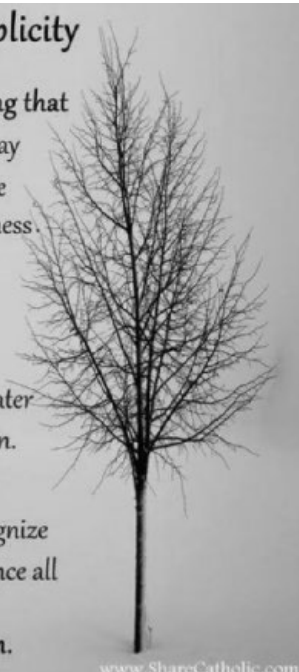
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that  
obstructs my way to you. Clear away  
the clutter of petty grudges. Remove  
smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with  
anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more  
kindness and less spitefulness, greater  
generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of  
gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize  
the simple gifts that lay in abundance all  
around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 19—FEBRUARY 25**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Joan Varga

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Donald & Carolyn Webber

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Theodore & Sophia Skoniesny

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Jim Biron
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Bob & Halora Burleson

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF Feb. 12—Feb. 18**

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- SUNDAY, Feb. 18**
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center

*Adult education will be held on  
Thursday February 22 at 6pm at the  
Parish Center*

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**The St. Theresa parish Lenten  
Soup Suppers begin on Friday,  
February 16th at 5 PM in**

**the Parish Center. They will  
continue each Friday  
throughout Lent. All are  
welcome. If you wish you may  
bring a pot of “meatless” soup to  
share.**

**Stations of the Cross will follow  
the Supper 6 PM in the church.**

*Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers  
have been requested*

***Our Parishioners:*** Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Pat Freudenthal, Anna Marie Nolan  
***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners***—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds, Karen Kulla, Joyce Spencer, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, Russell Baker, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron, Eliza Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Marq-”Bubba” Webb, Judy Biron, John Wunnenberg, Rich Eshelman, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Wells, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow

***Our friends and relatives serving in the military***—Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind, Jr., Taylor Anctil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Major Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss, John Pempel, Taylor Armstrong

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$19,234.14	\$149,213.15	\$162,353.20	(\$13,140.05)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** It is truly appreciated. We served 62 people on February 7.



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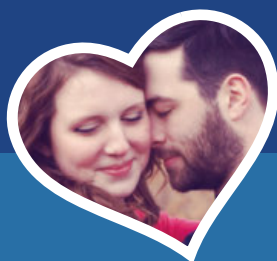
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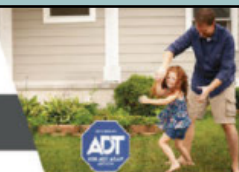


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